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If I can live in simple comfort and owe no man, sharing intimately with loved ones life's varied experiences; if I can bring a touch of healing and a clearer outlook into the trials and problems of those with whom I mingle; if I can humbly undertake public service when the public calls me, caring neither too much nor too little for popular approval; if I can give spiritual values always the first place, and gladly sink from sight, like a bit of leaven, that others might be elevated —then will this experiment of living yield in full measure the true wealth of contentment and happiness. —*Alfred Osborne.*

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OUR OPENING SUNDAY

Altho our opening Sunday this year was my 24th, I approached the service with fear and trembling. Some of my friends smile when I tell them that I never make an address or preach a sermon without a highly developed case of stage fright. This is absolutely true. The most miserable half hour in the whole week to me is the one just preceding 11 o'clock on Sunday morning.

This year I was especially concerned. I had had the most interesting summer of my life — travelled further — visited more places I had never seen — met more unique and unusual personalities and as a result approached the new season with my Church and radio friends, with a deeper awareness of the responsibility than ever before. I am grateful for many things but only those who have shared the experience understand the deep gratitude one feels when after adventure and travel he is safely home again at his own fireside, among his friends and loved ones. I mean to pass on to you during the coming months the results of this summer's wanderings.

I had great difficulty in deciding on an opening subject. All the way on the homeward Atlantic crossing I tried to make a decision. It was not a lack of subjects which caused the difficulty, but quite contrary. I had more than twelve subjects I thought of using. Each one seemed important and just the proper one. I finally discarded them all and took a subject which carried the entire multitude of subject sins. I decided on "My European Summer" and then proceeded to talk about everything else. But that is what always happens to me on the opening Sunday. I am publishing the opening sermon in this issue of our Church magazine. Read it and see for yourself how accurately I have described what happened. But, oh, how forgiving and kind that first congregation of our new year together proved to be!

It was Sunday morning Sept. 15th and the Church was filled. When I stood in the pulpit I looked into the faces of hundreds of members and friends—every face beaming with welcome and greeting. I wish I might have spoken with each person as an individual and taking them by the hand tell them how grateful and happy I am to have each one for a friend and member of our beloved Church. Every seat in the Choir loft was occupied and the choir never helped more. As always with Mr. Abernethy in charge of the musical setting I knew everything would go along smoothly and effectively.

The response and reaction from the congregation was unprecedented. I soon recovered from my anxiety and gave all I could to the sermon.

The choir, the ushers, the church officials, the people — all were in a hearty welcoming mood. How fortunate I am! After the service I stood for over an hour and shook hands with almost an unending line of people. Yes, it is good to be home! The work of the year is before us and what a year it will be! A world distracted and confused, people alert

and anxious, and everyone hoping. There was never a time like this. I want to meet the challenge successively. I want to be right on these important questions and if I am wrong please remember that, even so, I thought I was right at the time. It is a changing time and I shall change with the time. Such is progress and advancement. Hence, I ask for your patience and a suspended judgment. We are all groping. Tolerance and sympathetic understanding were never more necessary. Let us cultivate one of the finest of virtues—disagreement without bitterness.

I ask for your cooperation, your continued interest, your regular attendance, your friendship without these I could do nothing. My radio correspondents are always an inspiration. Please write — long and often.

As the fall deepens all of the activities will resume in full array. There is a place for all. Let each one find his place. Let us keep our church growing as the years pass and may it be a dynamo of inspiration and encouragement. In this spirit I face the work of the winter. Forward march to higher and better things!

—Preston Bradley.

MEDITATION

"Infinite and divine Love, Thou who dost inhabit all the spaces conceivable by the mind of man, and in whose hearts and minds are encompassed a kindly consideration for a wayward and stupid generation, we would focus the attention of those who are here and of those who are listening for this moment as we try to elevate our hearts and sublimate our minds into a deeper realization of what constitutes the fundamental values of this human experience.

We are glad and grateful that we have found our way back again to our beloved pulpit and to the church which we love. We are glad, as we look into the faces of all these friends who have come to greet us today for the opportunity of this hour, and may we not fail. Help us to be truthful, and above all courageous with our truth and unafraid, and may we as we attempt this day to express that which is throbbing away in the innermost temple of our lives and look out upon this world of the now, infinite Heart, might there be some release in all the four corners of the world, such a mighty flood of renewal and renaissance and beauty of the sanctity of life that the madness which is now upon the world may be seen for the madness that it is, and may this renewal beat back the floods of hatred and despair while we make a world consonant with the potentiality which we possess. May that thought be uppermost always in all that we do.

Today we would ask Thy kindly blessing upon every friend and member of this church here and everywhere, upon all who are ill, who are in hospitals and institutions, and above all, gentle and kindly Spirit of Understanding and Love, be very close to those who have lost so deeply since last we met. Enter the portals of every broken home with the quiet beauty of the renewal which comes with Thy strength, and every broken heart that has lost and every life that has had the bitter experience may the reconstructive powers and the perfected realization of that divine miracle of love enter and guide.

May this church stand, stand with its portals open, stand with its fountain of inspiration flowing that every life and every heart may find here that which will enable them to have a better and deeper experience in the beauty of fine living."

"MY EUROPEAN SUMMER"

Sermon by Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor of The Peoples Church of Chicago, September 15th, 1935

"I would be untrue to the instincts and promptings of my heart this morning if I did not, by way of introduction, express first of all, imperfectly and inadequately, my appreciation for the magnificent response which you have made to the invitation which I sent to you to be present at our opening service this morning. It has exceeded all of my expectations, and I wish that every member of our radio congregation could be present in the church this morning and sense the spirit of friendliness and of gladness and of interest that seems to be very definitely a part of the atmosphere of our church today. Hundreds of people are gathered here expectant, anxious and curious at what I might say to them, and some a little bit worried at what I might say and others slightly suspicious. But you are here and I am usually sensitive to all reactions of masses and quite aware of the quality of their suspicions and interest. I appreciate the avalanche of coming-home letters which I was at until 2:30 this morning reading, I only arrived in Chicago yesterday —and the telegrams which I received, all of which I would very much like to read to you, from friends and public servants that have expressed their appreciation and gratitude that I am safely back again in my pulpit. Most of all I think I have appreciated the little notes, some of them written with lead pencils on rough paper, some of them with trembling letters that evidence age and the conquest of Nature, they said: 'I am glad you are back because I have needed the encouragement and the inspiration which comes to me from the services of the Peoples Church of Chicago, and I never needed that more than I do now in a world so confused, chaotic and disturbed as the world in which we live today.' It was those little notes. I think, that I appreciated most of all. And then to see you here as expectant as you are—I know that some of you are very curious to know what the summer has done to me physically. I know you will agree that although I have been in Russia I have not missed very many meals.

When we are absent from each other for a period of months, we seek for those little evidences in each other of what changes have taken place. Of course, changes always are taking place, every moment of time means a modification of ourselves. Well, be that as it may, I hope your expectancy, your interest, your anxieties have been quite relieved, for it is an opportunity for an expression of gratitude inasmuch as we traveled nearly fifteen thousand miles in all sorts of conveyances and never for a second of that time had any feeling at all that we were in any danger whatsoever. To go about the world and have the ocean kind, to cross the North Sea twice and have it always kind, to cross the Baltic three times and have it always kind, to cross the Atlantic and have it kind, is certainly a little bit disappointing to one who loves the ocean and the sea as much as I do. I felt that the only real thing I was cheated out of on the sea this summer was a real good storm; because I love the sea and ships of all kinds; there is nothing that so puts one in one's place and takes all the bigotry and egotism out of one, and belittles any sense of one's own importance, like a storm at sea. You then realize that you are standing at the mercy of the elements over which you have no control. That does something to the soul and

most of us need that sort of an experience. Personally I think it would be one of the greatest peace moves that civilization could possibly make, if Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin were taken, all three of them, put upon a very small boat out into the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and an Atlantic storm be permitted to break upon them. I think it would do more than any other one thing to give these gentlemen a true sense of proportion, for they have certainly lost it.

And so, from the standpoint of the physical experiences (they have been very interesting of course), we have come through every danger. There were dangers, of course there were dangers. There is always danger, there is no such thing as permanent safety and every individual life is all the time and continuously having to do with known and unknown elements of danger in human experience.

Then too, the weeks have passed since we closed our services in June. I do not think any of us suspected—or really thought that there might be the tendency of events that took place,—but I do not think that any of us realized that they would move with such rapidity. This world has moved faster toward its ultimate climax in the past three months than the past five years. It will move faster in the next three months than it has in the past three, while in the next six months the things that ultimately and definitely happen to this old globe of ours, which we call the world, will be of such a character and of such a quality that every fundamental principle that has ever been achieved by the experience of this race for the continuity of civilization, will be in jeopardy. No doubt you may have your doubts about that, and I am perfectly willing six months from this Sunday, to have you come to me and if events have not transpired as it seems they are being constructed for that special performance, I will gladly acknowledge my defective judgmen and the distorted vision which have based on my European sum mer.

Consequently that gives to m a certain evidence that those o you who understand the respon sibility which one has of molding public opinion these days wil thoroughly appreciate. Never, i all the years of my ministry, hav I felt a deeper responsibility fo public utterances than I do today So much so that the fine quality of choice and the element of deci sion necessary to determine wha I should say constitutes th greatest difficulty for anybody who thinks out loud at the pre sent time. I have a deep sense o that responsibility because of a certain psychosis that is settling down upon all mankind. A psycho sis that is world wide in extent A psychosis which, like any othe psychosis, is evidence of lack o reasoning, lack of balance, lack of historical sensitiveness, lack o awareness, and above all a lack of appreciation of what constitutes true values. This is where the world lost its way. That's where we first became confused—our distorted sense o values—and it must be to that place that we must go in order to find the right road that will lead us to the high destination that is possible to us by the very potentiality which we have evidenced in past achievement.

So things which have happened and are happening today in the world are startling. The whole age is tremulous, uncertain, not only are national disturbances revealed by the psychosis but destiny is at work for individuals. We are losing personalities, losing them in strange ways, accidents, airplane smashups, assassinations, horrible accidents, disease. In a world where a certain type and quality of leadership is so primary, the operation of this principle presents itself to us demanding that we think of it in terms of the general problems of civilization.

It has been a most unusual

ummer and it will be a more nusual winter, and the strange hing that has settled upon and appened to this thing called the orld is going to make it deeply ecessary that every person as an ndividual, as an identity in so-iety, as an individual part of the ntire fabric, very definitely at-empt some sort of self disciplin-ng that we do not become swayed nd emotionally unbalanced; that e retain that fine sensitiveness hat will not disturb or distort ur sense of values; that there ill be a certain solidarity and a ertain poise which will not react o the confusion and noise that ill be released as never before n the next few weeks of this orld's history. To live reverent-y and quietly, through such an ge, with a sense of sanctity, will e the best fortification which I an suggest to you. A sense of anctity; there is something o sacred about human life that othing can disturb or deform it; hen we will not become the vic-ims of any external, extraneous onfusion. Then we will be with-n the portals for the kingship nd mastery of self control and ill have within us such a vision f the mastery that we can ac-omplish and achieve; that in the idst of all this serene and quiet e can become strong. It is that uality of strength that I would uggest to you today as the one ehicle that will constitute a riumphant experience for you as n individual during the days hat are just before us.

And so the passing of these few months, that has taken from us o strangely and horribly, have in themselves a certain relationship o the entire picture. The pass-ng of that gentle hearted woman who, because she became a moth-r to all the world, was refused he beauty and joy of motherhood or herself. That woman who mpressed a generation, and a eneration, and another, with the ital principles of human rela-ionship that are involved with he much despised and laughed t word called 'brotherhood' and a much more despised word in a jingoed age, a word called 'peace.' When this Jane Addams went away from us, only one of those personalities that repre-sented a larger and a higher achievement on the high plane of self relations for human good, selflessness in an age of selfish-ness which is the highest achieve-ment of personal life, something went out of the spirit of the world. But it is none of these things that I particularly desire to emphasize in my opening mes-sage and thought to you today, and I am only thinking of these things because I am trying to think through a very large and grave difficulty which I see settl-ing down upon us and in the changes that have come to us in the loss of personalities.

Many of our homes have been entered, since we last met, by the grim visitor of Death, and some of our loved ones have passed through the great adventure and their passing has left a vacant place against the sky in our lives. When I have received at home and abroad, word of the passing of our loved ones I have shared with you in your grief, for laugh-ter and joy are contagious, un-usually so. It is easy to smile and laugh with others, it is quite more difficult to put oneself in a frame of emotional expression where one can share their grief. It is much more difficult to share grief than it is to share laughter. And so I know that changes have come to many firesides and homes represented in the congregation and church, and I shared that grief with them.

In the midst of all these changes that are settling down upon us—one cannot go a long way from home and stand as Mr. Hermsdorf and I did at the rail of a steamer and feel the reverberations, to the depths of our very souls, of that last long blast of the siren that means that that ship will soon be turning its prow toward the At-lantic and be at the mercy of every hazard and whim of Na-

ture, and we could not walk the decks of the sumptuous and majestic steamer and feel its living, pulsating vibrations and look up into the stars that seemed so close to one that you could almost pick them from the sky, and listen to the low murmur of night winds as they caressed on their way through the rigging of the ship—one could not stand out there without developing a sense of perspective and understanding, a sense of values so that when, later, we were to visit the Scandinavian countries, and Poland, even when we stood for two days on a ship in the harbor at Hamburg, there at the request of my distinguished friend, Hitler, and looking out at the pulsating and busy life of Hamburg, and coming back again into Leningrad, and then 800 miles into the interior to the Soviet capital, and then into Finland, into the harbor, and see there contrasts and changes. Now you have a panorama of that motley picture, and it will only be a panaroma, the details are to be woven into the future sermons and lectures of the winter. I have enough reactions of mind and heart in my life this day from what I have seen and experienced this summer that with all the urge and whipping and lashing which necessity can give, I want to give that message to my church and my city and my nation this year.

I tell you, America, all who listen, all who are here, I beg of you, weigh carefully, think soberly, don't be misled again, don't be misled! You are at the crossroads! This nation stands at the threshold of the greatest economic, industrial and political upheaval it has ever known. There is no answer in the sky yet! None! Watch out and distinguish between smoke screens and realities! Don't let any man do your thinking for you! Don't let any newspaper, don't let any political candidates don't let any demagogue, don't let any power or any force of any kind in this America of ours result in driving this land into the hell that the rest of the world seems to have gone! Fight it with all your souls! The fact of the matter is I have no message for America except that. I cannot give you anything else except that. I have seen dictatorship at its worst and I will not trade security for my freedom, and don't you! Don't you trade a job for it! Don't trade social position for it! Don't you trade being respected for it! Don't you trade anything for it! Keep, keep above all things, America, the right to think for yourself, the right of peaceable assemblage, the right to wear any color shirts, black or white or red or blue, or any other color, the right to read all sides of any question, the right to tune your radio to any voice, and not be afraid to trust the confidence of your own intelligence! I have only one plea for my country, my church and myself, and that is that we might in America keep that which all the rest of the world seems to have lost—FREEDOM! FREEDOM! The old, old word and the old cause.

And what do I see? I shall go into the question of Russia soon. I shall go into the question of Germany again, and of Italy. Thank God, I can speak now, I AM HOME! Home, and I shall speak! Do I have any quarrel with the German people? Did I ever? Never! Would I say one word to hurt the vast multitude of fine German citizenry of this city who so soon will celebrate, I believe it is next Sunday, a great German Day in Chicago, under the tutelage of my dear friend of many years' standing, Mr. Brand. Of course not! Would I dare stand and say anything against that fine body of Italian people who constitute the racial background of a great culture, a great art, great music, great philosophy? Of course I could not! Would I for Russia? Didn't I awake in the early morning and as I raised the shade of the car upon which I was a passenger, see Russian peasants in the cold

dawn, with pity? Could I hurt those people? Of course I could not! Of course I would not, and it is because I love the German people and the Russian people, and because I love the American people, and because we are all humans and all one, and the same sun that shines down now on the city of Chicago where I am preaching, a few hours ago was shining on the Kremlin in Moscow, and tonight when the moon comes up, the saintly sentinel of the night, and its mellow beauty lingers upon our hearts, it was shining and it is shining now over the Kremlin where sit the eight men who rule Russia, while out into the vast marts on that strange field of diplomacy there struts upon his little stage, to have his little day, the world's modern Caesar, hurrahing behind the battlements of his mobilized four-year-old armies, wearing their little gas-masks and waving their batons! I do not see the present, anyone can see that. I see the frantic gestures of Antony Eden, and Litvinov and Laval, as in the frenzy of their excitement they know that Italy's triumph in Ethiopia means war for every one of the great powers, and ultimately, what is still worse, a race war for the rest of the world, for you can no longer confine this war business to your battlefields. The next war will not only be fought in the battlefields and in the trenches and swamps of Ethiopia under 110 degrees of heat, while fine Italian boys rot with festering sores and the maggots eat our the brains of the Youth of the world for glory and for honor. Whose glory and whose honor? While the frenzy of the diplomats sitting at their green tables in Geneva and every one of them hating, and every one of them paying the price, paying the price, and what is the price? VENGEANCE! GREED! When the Versailles Treaty was made they sought to harness upon the world an economic disaster that led nowhere, that could lead to nothing, except to war.

What is back of this war? DOLLARS! DOLLARS! DOLLARS! What are nations fighting for now? RAW MATERIALS! What will boys be killed for? OIL WELLS and COAL MINES and IRON ORE! That is what they will be killed for! I stand as a protest against the whole damnable enterprise of modern war!

When I come home this year and see the incompetency, I see the subtle manifestations of the international financiers, I see in the background that greedy, grafting Zaranoff, the mystery man of Europe who is quite closely associated with some mystery men of the United States, who are not mystery men any longer, but who, because there are profits in munitions of war — I know that some of you can say to me this day, I know people that know all that' and this is not what you wanted at all, but you are going to get what you want this winter. I am going to make some of you so angry at me before we are through, and I hope it will just be anger up here (indicating the head) and not down here (indicating the heart.) I don't care how angry you get up here, don't add to the hatreds of the world by getting angry down here.

Now in these closing moments of my reactions I am going to weigh my words very carefully and I am going to try to speak dispassionately about it. I know there was a way to stop European war, the war that is coming and is about to break out. I know that the nations of the world are paying some attention to raw materials and I know that it was an economic problem, and it is an economic problem, and I know it is going to be stupid and futile for anybody to think that the attitude of Russia or Japan, or of Germany, Germany who is only waiting, waiting for the moment Mussolini gets his army into Ethiopia, Hitler goes into Austria, and when that happens, you know what your biggest problem

is going to be at home. Well, it is not going to be to keep the United States out of war. I know that there is a tremendous reaction at the moment against the President of the United States. I know that the New Deal is being called the Raw Deal, and I know that everybody is excited about saving the Constitution. That seems to be the only important question before the American people, until sometimes I get a little bit suspicious that if our friends really save the Constitution it may be necessary for some of us to save the Constitution from our friends. That doesn't sound half as bad as it really is. But right now we are at the business of saving the Constitution. That is quite all right. There is no one in this church, or Chicago, or anyone that I know, that believes more in that document than your speaker and I will do anything I can to help save it, but I want to say this; It is not going to be difficult to keep the United States out of the war, for whatever you think of the President, whatever we think of the raw deal, for the next two years the United States of America will not be at war with any nation in the world. Those of you who hate our President, and those of you who are giving fuel to every Radical and Communist in the United States by what you are saying about the government of the United States, pretty soon some of your foreign friends of Russia who interviewed me in Moscow, will begin to think that the government of the United States is as rotten as some people who are trying to save it claim it is. If that is true, the fuel that we are feeding to these flames is going to constitute a very great difficulty. Mark my word, dollar diplomacy went out when the Marines left Nicaragua! Mark my word again, that in the event of the war that shall break, and it will, of course; in the event of that war when the Lion of Judah, Emperor of Ethiopia gave oil concessions to certain oil interests in the United States, I am here to affirm for your consideration that if it had been the government of Warren G. Harding and his Tea Pot Dome, with that poor broken old man, Senator Fall, and that old gentleman just laid away to meet his God this past week, I say to you that when the Secretary of State of the United States Government today had his attention brought to the existence of the oil leases to certain United States oil interests, that this present government said: 'No American boy shall give up his life in Ethiopia for any oil dollars in the United States of America!' Irrespective of all the rest that happens and irrespective of all the rest that is wrong in the New Deal, and there is plenty wrong, irrespective of all that, America, before the next two years have rolled around, might thank God for just the kind of government we have. I thank God, and some of you may be on your knees thanking God before very long.

I am not speaking of economics, I am not speaking of industry, I am speaking now of international relations, and what I have said, ladies and gentlemen, I have said because I have had to say it. Don't think I don't love our Constitution! Don't you think I know that it is jeopardized! Don't think that I don't know that it has enemies! Of course, I know, but there are enemies too besides that and they are the enemies who would put the right of dollars above the bodies of men! That's constitutional! That's fighting for the Constitution too and I challenge anyone to contradict me.

My heart was grieved and disturbed in such a way that I shuddered about what was taking place among us, when the hate-breeders and the various organizations of hate that are growing up and creeping up with their venomous fangs spreading nothing but their gospel of hate, inspiring hatreds among our people because of their race or color, re-

sulting eventually in dictatorship. How many times have I said it, and I say it at any expense again, I am going to say it tonight at the University of Illinois in that great auditorium where I am to speak to the students of that great University and on Tuesday in Virginia. I shall say it again and again all this winter long. I cannot say anything else. I will not be a party to any of the movements in the United tSates that are going to make me hate my fellowmen because of their race, their religion or their color! Don't ask me to do it! I see the danger of it! I see the beginnings of Hitlerism! I see the beginnings of Mussolinism and of Stalinism! They are here now among you, and by the same subtle methods of their vicious campaigns they will lead you to the brink of hell and they will drop you over one of these days and you will wonder.

A man laughed yesterday in my presence when I sat hundreds of miles from here and over my little radio heard that Senator Long had been assassinated. Those of us who have the responsibility of constant public appearance, any man who faces great multitudes, as I do in this church and nearly every night in the week, is in constant danger of his life. I have received more than one anonymous letter and so has everybody that stands against or for anything in the world, and when the assassination of Senator Long was announced, the man laughed and said it was a good thing. A man whose opinion I respect, from a fine and substantial family and constantly in this church, and I suppose is here this morning, and he said to me, 'It is a good thing,' and I shrudder because violence is always un-American. A bullet never settled any question for a nation or an individual. Tragedy, because no nation or no individual ever fired a bullet that did not create more problems than it sought to solve. I submit that to any historian! When Senator Long was assassinated and that bullet tore through his body and the news reached around the world, I could hear the rasping whine of Hitler, the stentorian reverberations of Mussolini and the quiet gutteral laughter of Stalin as they said: 'Ah, America is catching up to us.' Don't make a mistake, and with all due respect to Senator Long, and I am one who saw, as you did, the fallacy of his Share-the-Wealth movement, Senator Long suggested in the morning paper of a great newspaper in the city of Chicago what his cabinet would be and what he would do and it is the only constructive suggestion for future political history that any man in public life has given the world in the past two years—the only one. I am glad that Senator Long finally caught up with me in that suggestion, for you will remember that two years ago I made a plea in a presidential campaign for a coalition government, the only answer to America's problem. Imagine my surprise when opening my Sunday morning paper to read there that he had his cabinet selected. He had asked Franklin D. Roosevelt to be Secretary of the Navy, Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, the thing he knows most about, and that he did see Al Smith as Director of the Budget. Any man who could build an Empire building should be drafted in his service. What a great pity that Senator Long was the only one to give constructive ideas for a future government that we have had for America. Sooner or later, I don't know when, but sooner or later America will be forced to put principle above political parties, and men above dollars or America is doomed."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Bradley found time since the publication of his first book "Courage For Today" last September to write another. On Oct. 2. Bobbs Merrill, Publishers, gave his second book to the public. The new book is called **"Mastering Fear."** He finished it during the summer and now submits it to those interested. There are 11 chapter on the following subjects, "A Fear Swept World," "Fear As A Friend," "Fear As A Foe," "Mastering Fear," "Fear Of Life," "Fear In Business," "Fears About Health and Sex," "Fear of Death," "Fear's Shadow Worry," "Ways of Worry and Ways Out" and "A Glowing Life." The book may be found in every book store in the United States and sells for $1.50. If your bookseller hasn't a copy send to Bobbs Merrill, Indianapolis, or have your book store order your copy. These two books "Courage For Today" and "Mastering Fear" constitute the philosophy of our pastor and are a constant inspiration. They will make unusual and lasting birthday and holiday gifts.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club announces the following calendar for the month of October:

Oct. 7—Opening Luncheon at Edgewater Beach Hotel. Dr. Preston Bradley, speaker. Artists. Miss Cora Wellman, violinist; assisted by Mr. Charles Larvey, pianist.

Make reservation with Mrs. M. B. Hinton, 5031 N. Spaulding, Juniper 0171.

Oct. 14—Morning, Business Meeting and report on Illinois State Conferance by Mrs. J. J. Reynolds.

1:30—Current Events, Mrs. Chas. L. Roberts, chairman.

Literature and Art, Mrs. Helen Christensen, chairman.

Mrs. Jas. H. Jackson will speak on Illinois authors.

Oct. 21. Citizenship and Legislation. Mrs. J. J. Reynolds Chairman; Mrs. F. L. Mathews co-chairman of Citizenship. Mrs. Julia R. Donaldson, Civil Service in the home. Mrs. Snow, Study of Legislation in our own club.

Oct. 28—Card Party at R. C. Coopers, 4836 Broadway. Mrs. G. A. Schweizer, chairman.

Xmas Cards! Beautiful etchings of our church, with or without Christmas Greeting. Lovely for framing. Buy them in the church lobby or order from Mrs. G. A. Schweizer, Sheldrake 2332, 1231 Norwood Street.

All meetings of the Club will be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel this season. Ladies who attend the Peoples Church are cordially invited to join the Woman's Club. The dues are only $3.00.

THE BAZAAR

It is time to think seriously of the Bazaar. Have you planned what you will donate towards its success? Every friend of the Peoples Church will want to do something.

Our radio audience has given us hearty assistance in the form of donations for the annual bazaar, and in no small way helped make them the success that they always have been in the past. We appeal again to that same generosity this season.

All affiliated organizations and every member and friend of The peoples Church and Woman's Club is earnestly urged to cooperate.

Salable articles of all kinds will be deeply appreciated. The following are specially requested: fancy goods, quilts, aprons, pillows and pillow slips, towels, handkerchiefs, men's accessories, dolls, books, kitchen equipment, foodstuffs, and "white elephants." Donations may be sent to the church office at any time during business hours. The bazaar will be held November 21st, and 22nd. Luncheon and dinner will be served both days.

MY CONCEPTION OF THE IDEAL AMERICAN CITIZEN

An ideal American citizen is one who can in perfect freedom co-operate with his fellowmen. Without co-operation we can have no harmony. He will realize that all people are brothers and will therefore be willing to "do unto others as he would have them do unto him." Having consideration for other people's feelings, he will always be courteous and say: "Thank you," when a kindness has been shown him.

He should constantly strive to improve his character and ideals. To do this he will need to study himself, and thus learn to see himself as others see him. A good way to accomplish this is to set aside a little time, before he goes to bed, to concentrate about the things he has done that day, and the things he will do the next day. Then he will gradually learn to use discrimination in all his actions, and the difference between right and wrong will then become clearer to him. He will always speak the truth, and will be known as one who can be trusted. He will be tolerant in all questions of home, state, country and religion; gladly serve any person unable to serve himself; have the courage to help people in danger; be self reliant and not expect other people to do his work.

In reaching for higher ideals he will read the very best literature and go to the best movies. When bad movies are shown he will not attend, and will try to influence the studios to make better movies by writing his opinions to them.

The ideal American citizen should be one who could rightly be called a law abiding citizen; learning to know and obey laws when a child, he will know and obey them when grown. He will do his best to keep law and order throughout his community. He will obey all traffic signs and be a careful driver, thus protecting the lives of others.

He will, of course, be kind to dumb animals and let nature's plants grow in peace, being careful to prevent fires in forests. Keeping in mind the golden rule he will clean up the rubbish after a picnic in the woods, so as to leave it pleasant for others to enjoy. He will also keep his own property and surroundings clean and thus bring happiness to the community as well as to himself.

As a father he will teach his children discipline and his own ideals as a citizen. He will teach them how to keep in good health, because it is difficult to keep an ideal mind in an unhealthy body. He will help improve the schools and keep his children in good schools.

Friends are very good to have at all occasions. He should therefore strive to be the friend of humanity as a whole, but he must especially be loyal to his own country, and even fight for its rights and ideals. He should have ambition to work for his country and home.

We should always recognize an ideal American citizen by his poise and calmness on all occasions. He will be proud to be an American citizen, but humble before the possibilities of evolution ahead of himself and his country. Because he is constantly trying to improve himself, he will do his best at all times to help others to evolve to the highest possible ideals. If he should be chosen to guide his fellow citizens in any way, he should always listen to the still, small voice of his conscience. He should have reverence for all high ideals and for the great characters who have achieved those ideals. His love for humanity should be his highest inspiration.

The ideal American citizen must agree with my Sunday School pledge:

"If my home and country be
Worthier because of me;
Stronger for the strength I bring,
Sweeter for the song I sing,
Purer for the path I tread,

Lighter for the light I shed,
Richer for the gifts I give,
Happier because I live,
Nobler for the death I die,
Not in vain have I been I."

The foregoing paper was prepared by a member of our Sunday School, Joyce Waller, on the keyword "Patriotism" Citizenship.

ALONG THE WAY

Today is your day and mine, the only day that we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the cosmic world we may not understand, but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know: it is a part of action, not of whining. It is a part of love, not of cynicism. It is for us to express life in terms of human helpfulness. This we know, for we have learned from sad experience that any other course of life leads to decay and waste.

—David Starr Jordan.

Give us, O give us the man who sings at his work. Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time—he will do it beter he will perserve longer. One is scarcely sensible to fatigue while he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of their cheerfulness, although past calculation its power of endurance. Efforts to be permanently useful, must be uniformly joyous—a spirit of sunshine, graceful from very gladness, beautiful because bright.—The Gospel of Work, Thomas Carlyle.

THIS UNITARIAN BROUGHT ABOUT WORLD'S FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Of special interest to Unitarians was the observance in the second week of April at Peterboro, N. H., of the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the first genuinely public library, in the world, that is, the first library to be wholly supported by taxation. Dr. Abiel Abbott, minister of the Unitarian Church in Peterboro, went before the town meeting April 9th, 1833, and prevailed upon them to vote money for the establishment of a town library. The principal celebration program, however, will be held sometime in August, when the New Hampshire Library Association will be entertained in Peterboro.

Libraries, private and semi-public, had existed long before 1833, but Peterboro instituted the first tax-supported library in the world and the Unitarian minister who brought about this move must be added to the long list of Unitarians who have pioneered in significant educational advance in America.

In looking over some clippings in a drawer of my desk my attention was attracted to the foregoing article about the worlds first library. I think I cut it out of the Christian Register about two years ago. Many Unitarians—and more who are not—know too little of the splendid things Unitarians have done, and this kind of an article is never a back number so I pass it on to The Liberalists readers.

G. T. B.

IF WE BUT KNEW

Do we approve, applaud with understanding
The sweetness in the lives of those we know?
We criticize, and blame, and keen demanding,
But seldom let appreciation show.

So often we've been helped by words of kindness,
A friendly smile that cheered us through the day,
Yet constantly we forfeit, in our blindness,
The chance to help another on his way.

f we are seeing all that's right in
others,
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By magnifying all that's good
and true.

—Gretta Hiatt,
In "Rays of Sunshine."

"YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS PLEASE"

One of the most difficult tasks hich confronts the church office to keep our filing system of ad-resses up to date. May first and ctober first to many Chicagoans nd others means "moving time." is not infrequent that some ember of the church or radio stener will ask, "Why didn't I eceive the church letter or some ther communication from the urch office?" On inquiry it ould be established that the urch had never been notified of change in address. On a list hich includes nearly 7000 names e postage item is considerable. e are asking your wholehearted o-operation in advising the urch office of your correct ad-ress.

Our list is a very valuable one. he church prizes it highly and ways considers it strictly confi-ntial. Several overtures have en made in the past to secure a copy of our mailing list. All such are immediately refused. The list is the property of the church and will never be used except for legitimate church purposes. Please help us bring it up to date at once. For the number of names on our membership list and radio list we have a fairly accurate file but we desire it to be nearer perfect. Will you attend to this right now while it is in your mind? Thank you.

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During the church year many friends and members take advantage of the opportunity to have a seat reserved until the beginning of the Choir Processional by selecting a seat from the plat in the church office or writing for a reservation to the secretary, Mrs. Harrison, at the church, 941 Lawrence Avenue. For ten dollars, payable when and as you are able during the church year, such seat will be reserved. Spread out over the period of the church year ten dollars is easily paid by everyone. Just call or write for your reservation and you will always be assured of a seat at the morning services. Reservations are now being made. Remember you pay the ten dollars at your convenience.

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